

House Resolution 259

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Manning of the 32nd, Porter of the 143rd, Jones of the 44th, Burkhalter of the 50th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the President of the United States and his administration continue the
2 uninterrupted production of the F-22 Raptor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the current United States fighter aircraft fleets are aging and stretched to the
4 breaking point and must be replaced; and

5 WHEREAS, the F-22 Raptor is the world's most capable fighter plane, providing United
6 States military forces command of the skies, an essential component of this nation's military
7 strength; and

8 WHEREAS, the United States Air Force and more than 30 air campaign studies conducted
9 over the last 15 years have found that it is essential that current production of the F-22 be
10 drastically increased; and

11 WHEREAS, the F-22 program contributes \$12 billion to the nation's economy, directly
12 employing over 25,000 Americans, including 2,500 Georgians, and another 70,000 in
13 indirect jobs for subcontractors and suppliers all across the country; and

14 WHEREAS, this country is facing the most trying economic and national security challenges
15 in recent history, and it is imperative that we maintain the existing, high-paying, specialized
16 jobs which are critical to the preservation of our national defense industrial base; and

17 WHEREAS, bipartisan letters signed by 238 members of Congress supporting continued
18 production of the F-22 have been forwarded to President Barack Obama while his
19 administration contemplates a decision on the future of the F-22 which must be rendered by
20 March 1, 2009.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body join together to ask President Obama to continue the uninterrupted
23 production of the F-22 Raptor.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama.